views expressed by the members in the meeting. The Working Group has made recommendation to NWRC accordingly.

Storage Capacity of Mullaperiyar Dam

287. SHRI S. NIRAIKULATHAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the height upto which water is presently allowed to be stored at Mullaperiyar Dam for use in Tamil Nadu.

(b) the actual height upto which water could be stored;

(c) the reasons for storing water to a low height; and

(d) by when water will be allowed to be stored to full height for the benefit of Tamil Nadu?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) to (c) The Mullaperiyar dam has full reservoir level of 152 feet. However, Keeping in view the safety of this dam in a meeting of Officers of the Central Water Commission. Government of Kerala and Tamil Nadu held in November 1979 it was recommended that the water level may not be allowed to go above 136 feet.

(d) The time by which water will be allowed to be stored to full height for the benefit of Tamil Nadu is linked to the implementation of strengthening measures suggested by the Expert Committee and the outcome of the case in the Supreme Court.

Modernization of Irrigation Projects in Orissa

288. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether some State Governments have sent proposals to modernize some irrigation projects in their respective State;

(b) if so, the State-wise details of the proposals which have come to his Ministry;

(c) whether any such proposal has come from the Government of Orissa;

(d) if so, the steps taken to consider any such proposal; and

(e) the amount sanctioned accordingly to modernize the irrigation projects?